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For : METHOD FOR ISOLATING CELLS EXPRESSING
FLK-2 RECEPTORS AND ISOLATED
POPULATIONS OF CELLS THAT EXPRESS FLK-2
RECEPTORS

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BOX: Patent Application

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Title

Please delete the present title and insert –Method For Isolating Cells Expressing Flk-2 Receptors and Isolated Populations of Cells That Express Flk-2 Receptors–.

In the Specification

On page 1, please delete the first paragraph, lines 4-12 and insert the following:

–This application is a continuation of copending U.S. Serial No. 09/208,786, filed December 10, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/021,324, filed February 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 5,912,133, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/601,891, filed February 15, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,747,651, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/252,498, filed October 31, 1994, now abandoned, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/055,269, filed April 30, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,367,057, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 07/977,451, filed November 19, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,270,458, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/975,049, filed November 12, 1992, now

abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/906,397, filed June 26, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,621,090, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/813,593, filed December 24, 1991, now U.S. Patent No. 5,185,438, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/793,065, filed November 15, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/728,913, filed June 28, 1991, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 07/679,666, filed April 2, 1991, now abandoned.--

On page 47, line 35, delete "asses" and insert --assess--.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-80 without prejudice to applicant's right to pursue to the subject matter of these claims in the a future continuation application.

Please add the following new claims:

- 81. (New) A method for isolating cells that express FLK-2 receptors on their surface, the method comprising binding the cells to a polyclonal or monoclonal antibody specific for the FLK-2 receptor and isolating the cells that are bound to the antibody from cells that are unbound to the antibody.--
- 82. (New) An isolated population of cells that express FLK-2 receptors on their surface, wherein the population is isolated by a method comprising binding the cells to a polyclonal or monoclonal antibody specific for the FLK-2 receptor, and isolating the cells that are bound to the antibody from cells that are unbound to the antibody.--

REMARKS

The above-identified application is a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of copending application U.S. Serial No. 09/208,786, filed December 10, 1998. The specification has been amended hereinabove to insert the continuation data of U.S. Serial No. 09/208,786.

Claims 1-80 have been canceled without prejudice and new claims 81-82 have been added. Support for new claims 81-82 may be found in the specification *inter alia* at page 22, lines 23-31. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

Accordingly upon entry of the Preliminary Amendment, claims 81-82 will be pending and under examination in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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